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Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I know whether it is not desirable that these places should be licensed as places of public resort by the police in view of the fact that riots and disturbances very often take place owing to non-payment or delayed payment of money and very often the police have to be called in?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "Notice, Sir."

Criminal Tribes

Management and location of criminal settlements in Andhra districts.

* 872-A Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many criminal settlements are maintained by the Government in the Andhra country and where they are located;

(b) the amount spent on each settlement in each year;

(c) to whom the settlements are entrusted for management;

(d) what is the amount sanctioned for supervising the charges of each settlement; and

(e) the date when each centre was established?

A.—(a) There are four criminal tribes settlements in Telugu districts maintained by Government and they are located in the following places:—

(1) Sitanagaram—Guntur district.
(2) Stuartpuram— do.
(3) Kavali, including Allur and Bitragunta—Nellore district.
(4) Siddhapuram—Kurnool district.

(b) The figures of expenditure are given in the Annual Civil Budget Estimates. The figures for the last three years are—

	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Sitanagaram ...	33,561	19,901	19,868
Stuartpuram ...	22,847	23,748	24,732
Kavali ...	89,998	86,694	96,020
Siddhapuram ...	3,187 [a]	4,670 [a]	5,591 [a]

[a] Excludes pay of manager.

(c) The first two settlements Sitanagaram and Stuartpuram are under the management of the Salvation Army, the Kavali settlement is under the management of the American Baptist Mission and the Siddhapuram settlement is under Government management.

(d) The supervision charges fixed for the first three settlements are—

Sitanagaram	Rs. 7,450
Stuartpuram	„ 7,910
Kavali	From Rs. 30,620 to Rs. 36,727 (maximum).

The Siddhapuram settlement being under Government management, no specific supervision charge has been fixed for it. The current year's budget provision for pay of establishments,

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allowances and non-contract contingencies is Rs. 2,600, excluding the pay of the manager of the settlement who is an Inspector of Police on Rs. 175 a month.

(e) The four settlements were established in the years noted against each—

	Year.
Sitanagaram	1913
Stuartpuram	1914
Kavali	1912
Siddhapuram	1913

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi :—"May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of placing the Kavali settlement under the Police department?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"No, Sir, we have not considered it."

Number of settlers in settlements.

*872-B Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of settlers in each settlement with their religions ;

(b) how many families have taken up Christianity up to the end of 1927 after admission into the settlement;

(c) what is the number of Hindus as compared with converted Christians among the settlers in each settlement; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the managing bodies are forcing the settlers to become converts to Christianity?

A.—(a) (b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 69 of the Labour Department Administration Report for 1927–28 in which are given the number of settlers in each settlement. The Government have no information as to the religion of the settlers or as to the points mentioned in clauses (b) and (c).

(d) The Government have no reason for thinking that any such practice exists.

Mr. V. Ramjee Rao :—"May I know whether the Government will call for information regarding the religion of the settlers and the other points mentioned in clauses (b) and (c)?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have no objection."

Mr. Daniel Thomas :—"May I know whether any single case of conversion was brought to the notice of Government?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"With reference to clause (d), may I know what are the enquiries made or the facts ascertained by the Government for saying 'The Government have no reason for thinking that any such practice exists'?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—Because no facts have come to our notice."